GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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STUDENTS OPTING FOR HINDI AND SANSKRIT
MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of students opting for Hindi and Sanskrit has declined after Senior Secondary;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of students who opted for Hindi and Sanskrit in first year of degree courses during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken to encourage Hindi and Sanskrit languages in higher education in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (d): No data regarding the students applying for admission in various courses in various universities of the country is centrally maintained. Universities are autonomous bodies and run various programmes as per the demand. As informed by UGC, several universities in the country are offering courses in Hindi and Sanskrit also.